MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It may be both ways.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I am not asking for a "may be". I know, that it may be or that it is possible. I am asking the member on what information the answer is based, and whether this information is given after such inspection and report. I want to know whether any report has been received from the Executive Engineer direct?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the member then kindly ascertain from the Chief Engineer whether this information has been based on any information supplied by any person who has inspected the road?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

The Jenmi-Kutiyan Bill.

102. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the last Jenmi-Kutiyan Bill was introduced in the Legislative Council by the Government ;

(*b*) the date on which the Bill was referred to the Select Committee ;

(*c*) the date on which its report was received by the Government ;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to place the Bill and the Select Committee's report for discussion by the Legislative Council, and if so, the probable date thereof ; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the cause of the delay, and, if the anwer is in the negative, the reason therefor ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : (*a*) 21st January, 1930.

(*b*) 22nd January, 1930.

(*c*) 4th February, 1931.

(*d*) It was placed before the Council during this session.

(*e*) The report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill was received only on the eve of the dissolution of the last (Third) Council. The Bill could not be taken up to the Council in the last Budget session, firstly, for want of time, and secondly, because the Government thought that the members of the present Council might require some time to study the Bill.

Purchase of a radio set for the Observatory.

103. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a radio receiving set was got down from Madras for the use of the Government Observatory ;

(*b*) whether the mechanism has been fitted up and whether it is in working order ;

(*c*) the total cost incurred by the Government for the mechanism ; and

(*d*) the name of the company that supplied the mechanism ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. A Radio set was purchased for the use of the Observatory from Madras.

(*b*) Yes. It has been fitted up in the Observatory and it is working satisfactorily.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 830-8 as.

(*d*) The materials for the wireless set were purchased from the English Electric Co. and the General Service Co., Madras, and the set was assembled under the supervision of the Professor of Physics, Presidency College, Madras.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to part (*d*), may I know who recommended the purchase of the radio set for the Observatory?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government Astronomer.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Was it from Dr. Waren of the Presidency College that the radio set was purchased?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The set was not purchased from him; it was assembled by him.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): That answer is given to part (*d*). I want to know whether the set was purchased from him?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was not purchased from him. It was assembled by him.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Was it purchased from him or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When it is said that it was assembled by him, it means that it was not purchased from him. Materials were purchased from a company.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The set?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The set was assembled by him. He must have sent it on here.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to part (*b*), may I know when it was fitted up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have information only about the date of the Government order sanctioning the purchase and not about the date when it was fitted up. It was in 1928 that it was ordered. It must have been after that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Was it fitted up as soon as it was brought here?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): In regard to part (*d*), why was it necessary to get down Professor Waren from Madras to do this work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was not got down. It was done at Madras itself.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know why Government thought it necessary to give it to Professor Waren? Is he dealing in it?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is said to be a person having considerable amount of experience in these things.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the relationship of Professor Waren and the Government Astronomer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe they are brothers.

Statement, by caste, of volunteers in the Anchal Department.

104 MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the number of volunteers appointed by the present Anchal Superintendent?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The statement * required by the member is laid on the table.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pathanamtitta*): Do the Government follow any principle of communal representation in the matter of appointments as volunteers?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is not definitely stated anywhere, in regard to volunteers. Government have issued no instructions on that point.

Maniankulam bridge.

105. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of the damaged condition of the Maniankulam bridge at Paravur; and

(*b*) that there is heavy traffic on the bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. An estimate for its thorough reconstruction is under preparation. Meanwhile, the bridge has been temporarily repaired and made safe for traffic.

(*b*) The traffic over the bridge cannot be said to be heavy, as the road stops half a mile beyond.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know what amount has been spent for the repair of the bridge at Maniyankulam?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Rs.170.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Government are aware of the condition of the roads leading to the bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has reported that the roads are kept in fair order.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government are aware that accidents occur on that road due to the bad condition of the road?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

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